



Monthly Update – February 2017

Dear Friends,

Did you know that February is National Cancer Prevention Month? The HPV vaccine is a powerful cancer prevention tool. It is not too late to let your stakeholders know that you support HPV vaccination as a way to prevent cancer for future generations.

Here are 2 things you can do right now to spread the message that HPV vaccine is cancer prevention:

1. Click to tweet: [Q: What's the best kind of cancer? A: The one you don't get. #HPV vaccine is #cancerprevention! #2shots2stopCancer](#)
2. Forward this newsletter to interested colleagues and encourage them to [subscribe](#) to keep informed about HPV cancer prevention tools and resources.

Not on social media? It's a snap to get started! The **George Washington Cancer Center** has put together a great toolkit for Cancer Prevention Month. They have made it super easy for everyone to get social with a variety of cancer prevention messages. Click to access the [GW Cancer Center February 2017 Social Media Toolkit](#).

Providers – looking for social messages specific to you? The **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)** has developed a toolkit to help pediatricians develop social media accounts and sample messages to share. Click to access [AAP's Immunization Social Media Toolkit](#).

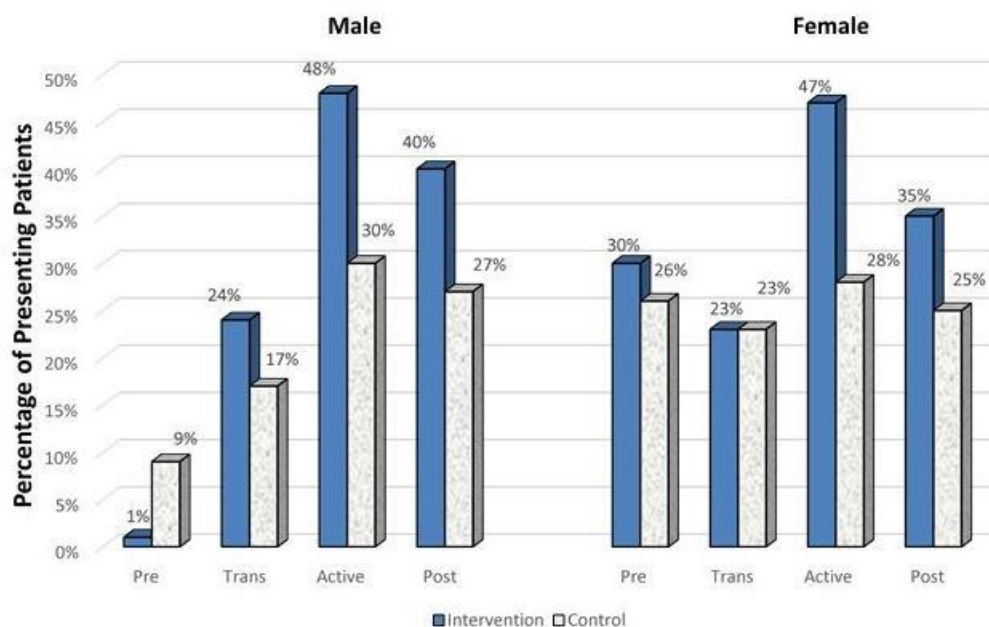
With your help, we can spread the message: HPV Vaccination is Cancer Prevention!

Spotlight

Kudos to National HPV Vaccination Roundtable Steering Committee member **Dr. Rebecca Perkins**! Her program, "DOSE HPV: Development of Systems and Education for HPV Vaccination" is now posted on the [National Cancer Institute's Research-tested Intervention Programs \(RTIPs\) web site](#).

Key Findings

Figure 1. Initiation of HPV Vaccination



- Both males and females in intervention practices were more likely than those in control practices to receive an initiation dose during the active period ($p < .01$ for both analyses), and males in intervention practices were more likely than their control group peers to receive the initiation dose during the transition and post-intervention period ($p < .01$ for both analyses).

DOSE HPV: Development of Systems and Education for HPV Vaccination is a multi-component intervention that educates the medical providers of adolescents and young adults about HPV, the HPV vaccine, and communicating with parents about the importance of the vaccine with the aim of increasing HPV vaccination rates. The 12-month intervention consists of six to eight 60-minute sessions and combines standardized HPV education, training in a focused motivational interviewing technique, and quality improvement techniques to improve clinician-parent communication about the vaccine and decrease missed opportunities for vaccination.

Click here to access the RTIPs website with the program summary:

<https://rtips.cancer.gov/rtips/programDetails.do?programId=25930477>

Primary citation: [Perkins RB, Zisblatt L, Legler A, Trucks E, Hanchate A, Gorin SS. \(2015\). Effectiveness of a provider-focused intervention to improve HPV vaccination rates in boys and girls. *Vaccine*, 33 \(9\), 1223-1229.](#)

HPV Roundtable Resources



Have you seen our National HPV Vaccination Roundtable SharePoint page? Here you can find links to all of the HPV vaccine resources and information developed by the HPV Roundtable. Click here to access the site:

http://bit.ly/HPVRT_SP

In Case You Missed It

On February 7, CDC released the 2017 national immunization schedules for children/adolescents and adults in an *MMWR Early Release*.

[Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger—United States, 2017](#)

In addition, easy-to-read versions of the 2017 schedules in English and Spanish are now posted on the CDC website.

- [Immunization Schedules for Infants and Children](#) web page
- [Immunization Schedules for Preteens and Teens](#) web page
- [Immunization Schedules for Adults in Easy-to-read Formats](#) web page

Each of these pages includes a choice of the English-language schedule in color and black and white, the Spanish-language version in color, and a version formatted for displaying on a website.

HPV Vaccination Partner Resources and Shareables



Wonder why it's so important to complete the HPV vaccination series before age 13? Check out this [new video](#) by Dr. Debbie Saslow for answers.

Want to share this video? Click to tweet:



[Dr. Debbie Saslow makes the case for on-time #vaccination against #HPV at age 11-12. https://youtu.be/G66x1EEVzZA via @YouTube](https://youtu.be/G66x1EEVzZA)

Pediatricians - interested in learning what the new HPV vaccination series recommendations means for your practice? Unsure of how to best address commonly asked questions about HPV vaccinations from parents? Want to know more about how to increase HPV vaccination rates among your patient population? The **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)** will present a webinar on **March 6 at 1:00 p.m. (ET)** titled [2017 HPV Vaccination Update](#). Join a panel of experts in pediatric primary care, infectious diseases, obstetrics and gynecology and ear, nose and throat for an HPV vaccination update webinar. Experts will cover a range of topics related to HPV vaccination, including the latest trends in HPV disease prevalence and prevention. [Registration \(required\) is open now.](#)

The **Prevent Cancer Foundation's** [Think About the Link®](#) campaign is hosting a free webinar on Wednesday, **February 22nd, 2:00 p.m. ET**. The presentation, "Addressing the Impact of Viruses and Related Cancers on Minority Populations," will examine the impact of viruses and cancer on the African-American, Asian and Hispanic communities in the U.S., with a focus on vaccination and treatment as proven cancer prevention methods. Andrea Roane, WUSA9 News Anchor, will moderate the webinar. This promises to be a highly informative session – [register today!](#)

In collaboration with the **National AHEC Organization (NAO)**, the **GW Cancer Center** released updated [HPV Cancer and Prevention Profiles for 2017](#). These provide a state-specific snapshot of HPV-attributable cancers and vaccination rates and can be tailored with your organization's contact information and/or logo.

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) recently revised its handout for the public titled [Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\): Questions and Answers](#). Changes were made to update the data on HPV and associated cancers, to add information about the new 2-dose schedule for people who begin their series before the age of 15, and to remove references to Cervarix which is no longer distributed in the U.S.

The **Vaccine Education Center (VEC)** at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia has recently revised two booklets to include updated information about meningococcal B and HPV vaccines. In addition, the adult booklet was revised to include information about the preferred timing of Tdap vaccine in pregnant women. To ensure that you are distributing the most recent versions of both booklets, check that you are using the fifth edition dated 2017. You can download the following revised booklets from the VEC website:

- [Vaccines and Teens: The Busy Social Years \(Spanish-language version\)](#)
- [Vaccines and Adults: A Lifetime of Health \(Spanish-language version\)](#)

We Want to Hear from You!

During the Jeffersonian Dinner at our National Meeting, many of you suggested we have regular webinars on specific topics. Here's your opportunity to tell us what you'd like us to cover! Please [email us](#) with your ideas and suggestions for future topics.

Please contact [Jennifer Sienko](#) if your organization has resources or social shareables that you would like to see included in the monthly update.

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